Secretaries and DGPs of the naxal affected States, they were asked to take immediate steps for imparting training to the police personnel engaged in anti-naxalite operation in Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare. For this purpose training facilities/expertise of CPOs are being made available to the naxal affected States.

(c) The expenditure incurred on training is covered under Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme of the Central Government.

Investment in civil aviation sector by PIO

359. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has opposed the move to allow the Persons of Indian Origin to invest in civil aviation sector as has been allowed for NRIs;

(b) what are the reasons for raising objections by the Ministry when the other Ministries such as External Affairs, Overseas Indian Affairs, Consumer Affairs, Law and Justice and the Department of Economic Affairs of the Finance Ministry have agreed to the proposal;

(c) does it mean the Government is not equating PIOs with NRIs; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Home Affairs, has in this case, pointed out that Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) upto 49% in the Civil Aviation sector has been pegged keeping in view the national security interests and the need to retain the ownership and management control of the sector in the hands of Indian, Civil Aviation being a sensitive sector. As of now, the Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) are not Indian citizens. As such, the Ministry has not favoured grant of 100% FDI in this sector by PIOs from the security angle.